GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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School Buildings
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain primary and secondary schools in the country are running under tents and trees lacking buildings;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise as on date;
(c) whether it is possible to impart education during rainy, winter and acute summer days in these schools as children will not able to attend school;
(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard;
(e) the total funds released, State-wise for construction of school buildings in this regard as well as number of schools constructed, State-wise during the last two years; and
(f) the total funds remained unused out of the total released fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) & (b): As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), 2015-16 10,963 government primary schools (1.55%) and 1,444 secondary schools (0.60%) are running without buildings in the country. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure-I.
(c) & (d): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 stipulates norms and standards for a recognized school imparting elementary education. The RTE norms provide for an all-weather school building consisting of, inter alia, at least one classroom for every teacher and an office-cum-store-cum-Head teacher's room and barrier free access. Section 8 of the RTE Act, 2009 lays down the duties of the State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations to provide infrastructure in schools as per norms of the Act. The requirements of infrastructural facilities in schools are worked out every year on incremental basis by the respective State and UT depending on their need and priority and this is reflected in their Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B). The Central Government supports State Governments and UT Administrations for creation and augmentation of infrastructural facilities in government elementary and secondary schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programmes.
Since the inception of SSA in 2001 till 30.6.2016, construction of 3.12 lakh school buildings, and 18.72 lakh additional classrooms have been sanctioned to States and UTs, out of which construction of 2.90 lakh school buildings and 17.48 lakh additional classrooms have been completed by States and UTs. The RMSA Scheme presently covers opening of new Government secondary schools (classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing secondary schools run by the State Government and local bodies. Till date, under the Scheme 12394 new schools and strengthening of 37382 existing schools have been approved and post of 120284 teachers including teachers for new schools and additional teachers for existing schools have been approved.
(e) & (f): Details of State/UT-wise funds released under SSA and RMSA for the approved activities including infrastructural facilities and expenditure reported by States and UTs during last two years are at Annexure-II.
State-UT-wise details of government primary and upper primary school buildings and secondary school buildings constructed during last two years are at Annexure-III.
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